

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - May 2004

	Benefit payments	
	May 2004	May 2003
Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits		
Total	\$746,693,000	\$733,410,000
Retired employees	479,928,000	466,842,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	89,259,000	88,556,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,734,000	156,358,000
Other survivors	21,772,000	21,654,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2004	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	614,600	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	288,900	\$1,643	900	\$2,194	.....	.....
Age	205,900	1,604	² 200	² 2,672	\$925	³ \$1,181
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	35,300	1,464	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	47,700	1,943	400	2,268	865	936
Spouses and divorced spouses	143,700	616	600	745	450	326
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	153,600	1,010	600	1,405	877	742
Widowed mothers and fathers	1,000	1,296	<u>4/</u>	1,379	658	666
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,800	668	100	709	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>
Children	12,400	766	100	1,027	607	621
Other survivors	100	678	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	May 2004	May 2003	Number	Average	Number	Average
	\$5,340,000	\$5,476,000	126,600	\$42	300	\$41

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 34); some 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated. Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. Regular retirement and survivor benefit payments total includes hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada.

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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month		Average payment	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,400	\$461	\$269
Sickness	5,700	472	271
		Benefit payments	
		May 2004	May 2003
Total		\$3,696,000	\$6,051,000
Unemployment		1,708,000	2,491,000
Sickness		1,988,000	3,560,000

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